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Letter to [an] Atheist[s]

Did we came from from God or Big Bang? What if they are the same and why do we think so? Is God good, evil, or beyond these notions. Suppose that creations stories are fairytale but containing the message of truth. What if Ubermensch<sup>1</sup> of love try to conquer the Boogeyman of fear and uncertainty? Isa Al-Masih tries to save us from our own lies embodied by the one-eyed Dajjal?<sup>2</sup> The latter is one-eyed because he just want to see what he like and not what is true. Charles Darwin might have a point in saying that we came from apes. But where do apes came from? Do we really exist with[out] a Creator?

Our philosophical uncle named Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz in his *Monadology*(1714) stated that faith and reason are both divine gifts. None of them were excluded from one another. Suppose that there is mystery from God. But Leibniz stated that God might be a mystery. Whereas, mystery is *beyond* reason but *not against* it. Another thinker named St Augustine as well said that evil is not from good God. "What is evil is simply a loss of good be it in integrity, beauty, health, virtue, and to name a few."<sup>3</sup> Thus, evil is thinking people are complete even without God, when in fact they [we] are nothing without Him. To be good is to think for oneself and at the same time revere that which gives this faculty of thought.

It is to be hoped that these things will help. Even one will think that God is only a phantom. But what one can do to say that the God is only a void? Is not it that there is the gift of will and thinking? Another thinker like Plutarch<sup>4</sup> and advises people not to be superstitious nor atheistic. Being superstitious is to see the Divine in a distorted way. Atheism is not to believe on It at all. What one can do is piety. Piety is to believe in the Divine and having a correct view on it. "*Umuwi ka na baby. Hindi na ako sanay na wala ka. Mahirap ang mag-isa.*" [Come home now baby. I cannot help without you. It

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<sup>1</sup> The Ubermensch was the concept borrowed from the thinker Friedrich Nietzsche, Love be Upon Him, as an image of self-improvement. Is this supposition correct?

<sup>2</sup> Isa Al-Masih is the Arabic name of Jesus Christ while the Dajjal was a false and deceit messiah.

<sup>3</sup> St Augustine of Hippo's *City of God* XII.3

<sup>4</sup> This can be found Plutarch's *Moralia* Section 14.

is difficult to be alone].<sup>5</sup> It is like calling our faithful self back to reconcile with reason—for acknowledging the Almighty. Our *baby* is like the part of our self and life which is playful and aiming to discover the Unseen.

May this give us hope.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Mel P. Otinggey' in a cursive, stylized script.

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<sup>5</sup> This line was borrowed from the song named *Hanggang Kailan*(2005) by Orange and Lemons music band.